TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3373 - SB 3406

March 4, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a dental health plan from requiring a dentist to provide services to subscribers at a fee set by the insurance entity unless the services are covered services under the subscriber agreement.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Potential Impact on Health Insurance Premiums (required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-2-111): Such legislation would not result in a significant increase in the cost of health insurance premiums for dental services.

Assumptions:

- The Department of Commerce and Insurance will be responsible for enforcing the provisions of the bill which will be accomplished through the receipt and investigation of complaints. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- According to the Department of Finance and Administration, the provisions of the bill will not have a significant impact on the premiums of the CoverKids program.
- The dental plans offered to participants in the state sponsored public sector health plans are optional and the employee pays all coverage, therefore no fiscal impact to the state sponsored plans.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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